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FOR WILLIAM LYLES (AID) AND ARELLANO (ARA) FROM HOLLIS

SAN JOSE FOR VALDEZ

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAID, TD
SUBJECT: REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN TRINIDAD

1. U.S.-TRINIDADIAN BILATERAL TALKS IDENTIFIED A NUMBER
OF AREAS WHERE 661 ACTIVITIES MAY APPLY. DISCUSSIONS
WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND DR. KEN JULIEN, KEY ADVISER
TO PRIME MINISTER, SHOWED PARTICULAR GOTT INTEREST IN
FOLLOWING:

(1) HARBOR MANAGEMENT ADVICE FOR NEW PORT UNDER
CONSTRUCTION AT POINT LISAS INDUSTRIAL STATE.
GOTT REQUESTS U.S. EXPERTISE TO INSURE EFFICIENT
MODERN PORT AUTHORITY, CARGO AND DOCKSIDE HANDLING
BARGE TUGBOAT PURCHASING, DOCKSIDE EQUIPMENT AND
HANDLING DESIGN.
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COULD LEAD TO 607 SEVERAL YEAR CONTRACT, PLUS
PURCHASE OF U.S. TECHNOLOGY IMMEDIATELY.

(2) COMMUNICATIONS POLICY ADVICE WITH SPECIALTY
IN EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION. GOTT WANTS TO
IMPROVE TV ROLE IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, NEED
ADVICE ON STRATEGY TO MAKE TV MORE RESPONSIVE

TOOL. MAY INVOLVE CATV, POSSIBLY DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TELEVISION STATION (CURRENTLY ONE IS PRIVATELY OWNED). OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS ISSUES INCLUDING FREQUENCY TRANSMISSION GENERAL POLICY OVERVIEW COULD BE INCLUDED.

(3) FOOD/AGRICULTURAL SECTOR REVITALIZATION. GOTT REQUESTS ADVICE ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT MARKETING FOOD, HANDLING, STORAGE, PRICE SUPPORTS, PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION, AND EXTENSION OF SERVICES TO FARMERS. GOTT DESIRES TO COORDINATE SUCH ACTIVITIES MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH FARMERS.

(4) CARIBBEAN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (CARIRI) GOTT REQUESTS ADVICE TO MAKE CARIRI FIT MORE EFFECTIVELY IN TOTAL INDUSTRIALIZATION PLAN KOREAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE (KIST) MODEL MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. GOTT WANTS TO PLAN ROLE FOR THIS INSTITUTE IN R & D POLICY, NATIONAL STANDARD SETTING, POSSIBLE LABORATORY SYSTEM.

(5) ENCOURAGEMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS EQUIVALENT SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO ENCOURAGE SMALL ENTREPRENEURS, MINORITY GROUPS SEEKS POLICY AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT ADVICE FROM U.S. SBA.
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(6) ENERGY PLANNING (LNG)
GOTT SEEKS ADVICE ON LNG PRODUCTION AND DOMESTIC UTILIZATION WITHIN OVERALL ENERGY PLAN. CURRENT PLANS AND RESERVES POINT TOWARD LARGE EXPORT CAPABILITY BUT GOTT WANTS TO ASSURE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF LNG WITHIN ITS OWN INDUSTRIALIZATION SCHEME.

(7) CONSTRUCTION VOCATIONAL TRAINING
GOTT SEEKS ADVICE, TRAINING PROGRAMS EMPLOYING AUDIOVISUAL TEACHING TECHNIQUES TO ACCELERATE EDUCATION FOR FITTERS, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, PIPEWELDERS, BRICKLAYERS, HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATORS. GOTT EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN THE CURRENT RDP VOCATIONAL PROGRAM UNDERWAY WITH NIGERIA. WOULD LIKE SIMILAR BUT SHORTENED TRAINING. IMMEDIATE 607 POTENTIAL HERE.

(8) INSURANCE/GOVERNMENT PENSION REGULATION
PLANNING - MINISTER OF FINANCE GOTT REQUESTED

CONSULTANT TO ASSIST SUPERINTENDENT OF
INSURANCE IN ESTABLISHING (1) COORINATED
AND EFFICIENTLY REGULATED PROGRAM FOR INSURANCE
COMPANIES OPERATING IN TRINIDAD, (2) GOVERNMENT
INSURANCE AND PENSION PROGRAMS, AND (3) AUTO-
MOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY - POSSIBLY
ALONG NO-FAULT MODEL. GOTT MAY PREFER US
GOVERNMENT EXPERT WITH WIDE-RANGING INSURANCE
REGULATION AND ACTUARIAL EXPERIENCE. EFFECTIVE
661 COULD LEAD TO 2-YEAR 607 CONTRACT.

2. AS FOLLOW-UP ON THESE, I HAVE REQUESTED ADDITIONAL
CONSULTANT SPECIFICATIONS FROM GOTT. AS YOU KNOW,
TRINIDAD IS POSIED ON EXTREMELY AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT
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PLAN WITH OVER \$1 BILLION IN RESERVES AND SUBSTANTIAL
ENERGY PRODUCTION INTO FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. THESE DISCUSSIONS WERE, OF COURSE, EXPLORATORY AND
IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER GOTT WILL, IN FACT, FORMALLY
REQUEST ABOVE PROGRAM. I WOULD, HOWEVER, RECOMMEND THAT
C/RPB BEGIN CONSIDERATION OF HOW WE COULD RESPOND SHOULD
REQUESTS MATERIALIZE. ALSO SUGGEST THAT VALDEZ CONSIDER
FOLLOW-UP WITH APPROPRIATE GOTT OFFICIAL DURING HIS VIST
HERE THIS WEEK.

4. AMBASSADOR AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARELLANO
CONCUR.
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